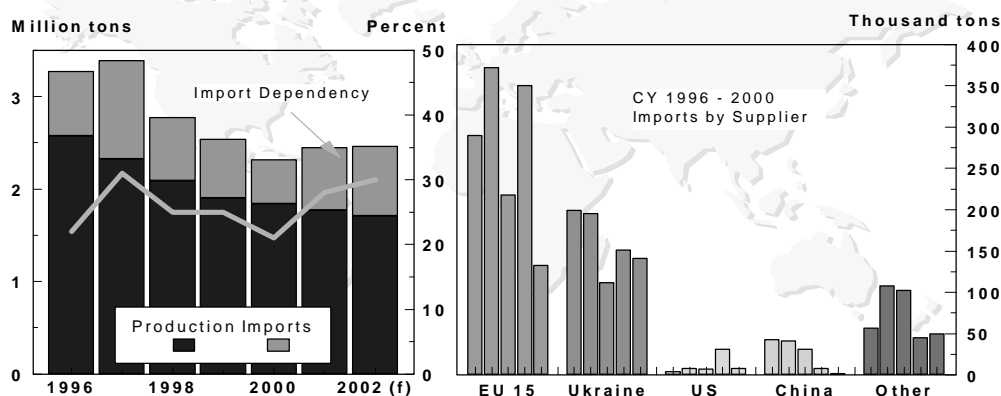


Russia's Cattle and Beef Situation

	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001 (p)	2002 (f)
Cattle (1,000 head)							
Total Supply*	53,525	47,114	41,954	38,804	36,704	34,959	33,839
Slaughter	15,315	13,500	12,300	10,860	10,515	10,050	9,730
Beef (1,000 tons; carcass weight equivalent)							
Production	2,570	2,326	2,090	1,900	1,840	1,770	1,710
Imports	876	1,062	684	838	477	675	750
Consumption	3,464	3,486	2,845	2,734	2,308	2,437	2,452
Exports	5	7	4	4	9	8	8
Ending Stocks	180	75	0	0	0	0	0

* Total supply = beginning inventories + calf crop + imports

Russia to Import More Beef to Maintain Consumption Levels in 2002. Domestic Beef Production Continues Its Long Slide



Russia's beef production in 2002 is forecast to fall further to 1.7 million tons. At the same time, stronger consumer demand has led to a bolstering of beef prices. Beef imports are forecast to increase to 750,000 tons in 2002. Imports from the EU, Russia's largest beef supplier, are expected to strengthen in 2002. U.S. beef exports to Russia totaled \$6 million in 2002. Russia is the world's third largest beef importer.